

**Government Oversight Committee
List of Topics for Future Meeting Agendas
Updated January, 2006**

1. **Bioterrorism Report** – based on the release of a recent report, Iowa ranks 50th among all states. The Legislature approved the funding for a position in the Department of Agriculture and Land Management to monitor food quality relating to bioterrorism. What impact is that position having in Iowa and how does the work being done compare to other states?
2. **Fuel Quality** – fuel quality testing of gasoline by the Bureau of Weights and Measures, Department of Agriculture and Land Management, as required by the Code of Iowa. Concerns about why the testing is being done on a very limited basis and changes required to expand testing.
3. **Board of Regents Update** – update on report from the task force and the recommendations regarding the future on the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School in Vinton.
4. **Board of Regents** – review the Regents' compliance with Division VII, Section 34, House File 868 (Grow Iowa Values Fund) regarding a feasibility study related to the establishment of a graduate school in western Iowa.
5. **Referral from the Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board** – a memorandum dated December 9, requested the Committee to review a situation involving the Dallas County Soil and Water Conservation District.
6. **Sex Offenders** – Testimony from citizens regarding impact of HF 619 passed by the 2005 General Assembly.
7. **Sentencing Reform Possibilities** (excluding mandatory minimums).
8. **Impact of Sentencing Reforms on local government and private jails.**
9. **Creston School District** – updated report after administrative hearing takes place.
10. **Non-Profits lack of fiscal reporting to the Legislature** (i.e. the LSA) Example is Iowa Department for the Blind use of private funding.
11. **Executive Council** – a review of the Council's organization, duties, and procedures pursuant to HSB 257 by Rep. Elgin.
12. **Record Keeping** – Committee discussion regarding establishment of a blue ribbon task force as a follow up request by the Administrative Rules Committee.

Subcommittees

1. HSB 302 (Starvation and Dehydration of Persons with Disabilities Prevention) Representative Eichhorn, Chair
2. HSB 508 (State Bidding Requirements for Purchases) Representative Alons, Chair
3. Advisory Committee regarding Gambler's Treatment Assistance funding and expenditures.

Other – Regular Updates during the 2005 Legislative Session and Interim

- Government Reinvention – LSA to provide materials.
- Charter Agencies – DOM and Charter Agencies to provide update.
- Public Strategies Group (PSG) – DOM and PGS to provide materials.
- Grants Enterprise Management System (GEMS) – DOM to provide materials.
- Department of Administrative Services (DAS) – DAS to provide materials.
- Integrated Information for Iowa (I/3) Project – ITE and DOM to provide materials.
- Help America Vote Act (HAVA) – Secretary of State Update.
- Homeland Security – Update on funding and costs associated with E/911 System.
- Lottery – Lottery to provide semi-annual report updates and annual budget.